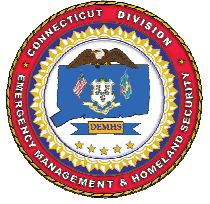




STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY



Posted at 8:15 PM on 2/4/14...

Slightly more snow expected...Slightly Later Timing for the end of moderate snow...

STATUS OF THE STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER – MONITORING

The National Weather Service has issued Winter Storm Warnings for the entire state that begin at midnight and continue until 6:00 PM Wednesday evening.

Tonight...Patchy light snow is forecast to begin around midnight with lows in the mid to upper 20's. The snow is forecast to become moderate by 4:00 AM and then heavy by 6:00 AM across most of the state with temperatures holding in the mid to upper 20's.

Wednesday Morning...Snow, heavy at times in Northern Connecticut with a mix of sleet and rain in Southern Connecticut. A rain/snow line is forecast to develop along the coast by 7:30 AM and move inland to the Hartford area by 10:30 AM. North of the line heavy snow is expected, with sleet and freezing rain south of the line. A major impact is expected on the Wednesday morning rush hour with 3" – 5" of snow cover on roads by the start of the rush hour, low visibilities, heavy snow falling, and very slick driving conditions. Snowfall rates of 1" – 2" inches per hour can be expected north of the changeover line. After the end of the morning rush hour, road conditions may start to improve along the coast and then in Southern CT by early afternoon. Temperatures are forecast to hold in the upper 20's in Northern CT and rise to near 35 F at the coast. Some icing is expected in southern and central Connecticut which may result in some power outages.

Wednesday Afternoon...The rain/snow line is forecast to get as far north as the NW Hills by 1:00 PM before moving back down to the I-84 Corridor by 4:00 PM. However the precipitation is expected to taper off to light snow and showers by 3:00 PM with slowly improving road conditions in Northern CT during the afternoon rush hour. Light snow is expected to continue thru the afternoon rush hour and taper off completely Wednesday evening between 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Highs near freezing with temperatures starting to fall back into the upper 20's by the end of the afternoon rush hour. The overall impact on the afternoon rush hour is expected to be minor along the coast and moderate in Northern CT.

Total snowfall for this storm is forecast to range from 4" – 6" along the coast, 7" – 10" across most of the state and up to 12" in the Northwest Hills.

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection will continue to monitor the latest forecasts and will send out another update Wednesday morning at 4:00 AM.

25 Sigourney Street, 6th floor, Hartford, CT 06106
Phone: 860.256.0800 / Fax: 860.256.0815
An Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Employer